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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE VALUATION
PROCEDURES".

REF: A; TOKYO 5130; B. GAO TELEGRAM 122143Z APRIL 76.

1. DEPARTMENT ADVISED BY LETTER TODAY OF SUBJECT REVIEW.
ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE REVIEW IS TO DOCUMENT THE
PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE OVERSEAS
PERSONNEL IN ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY VALUATION DATA PERTAINING
TO CERTAIN STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF THE U.S. APPRAISEMENT
PROCESS---A MEANS USED TO ASSESS DUTIES ON IMPORTED
MERCHANDISE. ALSO, THEY WILL BE DETERMINING HOW THE
VALUATION SYSTEM USED BY OTHER COUNTRIES COULD POTENTIALLY
SIMPLIFY THE U.S. APPRAISEMENT SYSTEM AND ALLOW MORE
EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION BY CUSTOMS.

2. THIS REVIEW NOT RELATED TO VISIT OF HADLEY TEAM.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO COOPERATE WITH THE GAO IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES IN 4 FAM 930-934. ANY
PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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